



Park Crossing Neighborhood News

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President's Section

November 2011

Owner's Association

Dear Neighbors,

Our Annual Homeowners Meeting is to be held on Sunday, November 20th, 2011, 7 pm at the clubhouse. You should have received your proxy by now. If you cannot attend the meeting, please fill out the proxy and return it to the office at the clubhouse. If you are unable to attend the meeting and cast your votes in person, it is important that you complete and submit the proxy. We must have a quorum of homeowners to conduct the election.

The board members are your neighbors who volunteer to serve this community in several capacities. We are fortunate to

have such great community minded people willing to give up a couple of hours each month to make sure that Park Crossing is a beautiful vibrant neighborhood.

Please stay safe during this upcoming holiday season. If you are away for the holidays, notify a neighbor to watch your house, pick up your mail and take out the garbage.



Lang Holding
President

Upcoming Events



- 11/12 PCWC Holiday Shops, November 12
- 11/20 PCOA Annual Meeting, November 20, 7 p.m.
- 12/4 Sunday with Santa, December 4, 2-4 p.m.
- 12/11 Christmas Hayride December 11, 6-8 p.m.

Women's Club

Traditionally, this time of year is when one reflects on all they are thankful for. As we think about all the wonderful ladies who support the Women's Club, we feel truly grateful to live in such a connected neighborhood. A big thank you to Rebecca Cox and Perry Marshall for organizing the Women's Club kickoff in September! Thank you to Lisa Ryan and Sara Harb for organizing the Fall Festival! It is not too late to join the Women's Club for our 2011-2012 year. Annual dues are \$30, payable to PCWC and can be dropped in Nan Howard's mailbox (9416 Tresanton Dr.). We have lots of festive events coming up this Holiday season.

In December, we are looking forward to Sunday with Santa on December 4th and

Christmas Caroling Hayride on December 11th. Look for more details in the upcoming events section of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Park Crossing Women's Club through membership and participation. A special thanks to Nan Howard for volunteering another year as our treasurer.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season!

Taylor Dries & Carolyn Terpening
Co-Presidents



Owner's Association News

Treasury Update



On December 1st, we will be mailing out the 2012 annual dues invoices for \$283.50. The payment is due on January 1st, 2012. If you have a problem paying this mandatory bill, please contact the office so we can arrange a payment schedule.

Mary Lou McElhaney
Treasurer

Grounds Update



'Tis that time of year to assess the summer's damage to our landscape! During the summer, we have all looked at our yards and decided what plants to move to a friendlier location, what plants need to be replaced and what items we want to add to our yard to make it more interesting for next year. This is exactly what we, the Park Crossing Grounds Committee, are doing right now. Perhaps you have seen the "refurbishing" signs on Park Crossing Drive indicating where we are trying to get rid of some wild Bermuda grass and replacing it with fescue, a much prettier variety of grass.

We will also be replacing some plants that have not it made through the summer months and adding a few to enhance our neighborhood.

This month also represented the expiration of our old contract with TruGreen LandCare. After soliciting bids from various landscape companies, the PCOA Board approved the renewal of our contract with TruGreen LandCare. Not



only did this company present us with the most reasonable contract, we have been fairly satisfied with their services. It should be noted we have added a "Porter Service", with the Board's approval, to inspect the property at the beginning of the week, remove twigs and debris and assess our needs for the week. Paul Schulz spent many hours reviewing and updating our landscape contract to be very specific to our community's needs. Thank you Paul.

Marlene Lewis
Grounds Committee



Architectural Update



Fall is underway in Charlotte--which means our residents will be busy attending to their lawns, shrubs and preparing their homes for the winter months. We continue to have a variety of requests which range from painting, driveways, roof changes, room additions, porch renovations, fences and tree removals.

Your requests continue to be completed and returned within 7 to 10 days and whenever we get a request for a quick review we have been able to accommodate those requests.

One area that the Architectural Group would like to remind those who are installing or replacing fences is that you know "EXACTLY" where your lot lines are. Never assume that you can rely on measurements from the curb or on posts that appear to be surveyor stakes.

Going forward the Park Crossing Owners Association's Architectural Group will require lot line surveys be completed for fencing requests by property owners who have lot that back up or adjoin PCOA common grounds and have plans to erect their fence on the portion that adjoins PCOA common grounds. Fence requests where the fence does not adjoin or back up to PCOA common grounds

would not have this requirement, however, please be careful that your fence is constructed on your property and not your neighbors in error.

Ted Miller
Chairman, Architectural Committee



Security Reminders

After the SHARC contest, Park Crossing had several car break ins. We let our guard down. Please remember to: **Lock**



all doors, Leave no valuables in your vehicles and call 911 for anything suspicious. The same

advice applies to when you are out and about in Charlotte.

Don't have the music on your I-Pods playing so loudly that you are not aware of someone nearby. Don't be engaged in a phone conversation that you aren't aware of others. The holiday season is soon upon us, pay attention to your credit cards. If you use your credit card in a restaurant, make sure you get your credit card back and not someone else's.

Cameron Wright
Chairman, Security Committee

Routine Reminders



Directory 2012: If you are interested in advertising in the 2012, please contact the office. If you have changes in your family's information for the directory (i.e. babysitting, new baby, etc.) please contact the office.



Signs: Our Architectural Guidelines has restrictions about signage on individual lots. Per section 2(g) of Article VIII of the Declaration, you may have only one realtor sign per lot when you are selling your home.

Section 2(g) of Article III, allows for political signs during local or national elections or referendums.

The Board has noticed a proliferation of schools signs, signs for contractors and vendors, signs promoting causes--all of which are not allowed. Please remove all signs that are not allowed. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Dogs: Please don't leave your dog outside barking--complaints have come to the office of dogs barking early in the morning and late in the evening.



By law, all dogs must be on a leash when you walk them. Make sure your dogs and cats have identification on them if they get loose so they can be returned to you.

Park Crossing Swim and Racquet:

Please remember that Park Crossing Swim and Racquet facilities are for members only. PCRC Board Members will be making random membership checks at both the tennis courts and field/playground. Please do not be offended if asked for information. It appears that both facilities are being used by quite a few non members.

When walking your dog, please be courteous and use a bag to pick up what your dog has left behind...Children play in our open fields and they should not have to dodge dog poo.

COYOTE UPDATE

Coyotes in urban areas normally run in a family unit consisting of a female, a male and their pups. A female may have four to seven pups in each litter and can reproduce twice a year. Although they can live 13 years most coyotes in urban areas will die within the first three years of life. Coyote sightings usually increase in the fall because the pups have matured and they are moving onto form their own pack. The urban coyote's diet mainly consists of small rodents, rabbits, snakes, squirrels, and even fruits and vegetables..... however, they are also known to prey on cats and dogs under 40 lbs. Coyotes are not predators that will normally attack humans and in most cases will become frightened and run away if they see a human. Even though they don't pose a threat to people, their prey can

include domestic pets. Please consider keeping your pets indoors if you have seen a coyote in your area especially from dusk to dawn.

At a recent community meeting on Wednesday night October 5th, CMPD Animal Control officers and a specialist from the NC Department of Wildlife provided information regarding the recent attacks by coyotes in and around the Hayden Hall, Park Crossing, Oberbeck Farms, Quail Hollow, Carmel Station and Cameron Wood area. Here is a recap of the information provided:



*The coyote population in our area is very large.

*State and local officials believe trying to capture/kill numbers of coyotes in the immediate area will NOT be effective in controlling the local coyote population or preventing sightings or future attacks on pets.

*State wildlife officials said the incidence of rabid coyotes is rare, and the recent 3 attacks in our area, on the same day, were isolated to the single coyote captured by CMPD and found to have rabies of which they say is extremely rare.

*Coyotes are skittish and afraid of humans. They are primarily nocturnal, active at night, dusk, or early in the morning.

*The best way to prevent your pet from being attacked by a coyote is to keep them indoors and never alone outside, especially at night.

*Outdoor cats are highly at risk to being attacked and/or killed by coyotes.

*CMPD WILL NOT respond to simple coyote sightings.

*CMPD WILL respond if a coyote is threatening people or appears to be diseased.

*Behavior of a diseased or rabid coyote could include daytime attacks, no fear of humans, and odd behavior by the coyote such as laying down in presence of humans, fearless aggression towards humans, or attacking animals larger than themselves (approx. 35 pounds).

* **IMPORTANT:** If your pet is NOT vaccinated against rabies and is bit by an animal (coyote, raccoon, etc.) that may be rabid, the options are NOT GOOD. Your choices are to pay a vet to quarantine your pet for 6 months, or have your pet put down. **MAKE SURE YOUR PETS HAVE CURRENT RABIES VACCINATIONS!**

DOs and DONTs:

DO: Keep smaller pets indoors, especially at night.

DO: Tell your children to NEVER approach a coyote or wild animal.

DO: Keep your pets up-to-date on their rabies and distemper shots.

DO: Call 911 if a coyote poses a threat to people or appears diseased.

DON'T: Approach a coyote if you see one.

DON'T: Call 911 to report simple coyote sightings (evening hours, normal behavior).

Women's Club Event and Club News



Event News

Holiday Shoppes at Park Crossing

Please join us Saturday November 12th for the 2011 Holiday Shoppes at Park Crossing. Our clubhouse will be filled with a variety of top quality vendors selling merchandise for your gift giving needs or personal enjoyment. Mark your calendars and join for this beloved Park Crossing event! If you need more information please contact Karen Cleary or Kelly Ingram.



Sunday with Santa

Sunday, December 4th, 2-4 pm. come take your own photos and video of your child



visiting with Santa. Only \$2 per child for Women's Club members; \$5 per child for non members.

Have some cookies and say Merry Christmas to neighbors. Contact Gina Haynes at 704-544-1961 or email at ghaynes@carolina.rr.com for more information.

Christmas Caroling and Hayride

Ho!Ho!Ho! This pinnacle Park Crossing event has become a family tradition. Buy your tickets in advance for this horse drawn carriage ride around Peshurst



while singing your favorite Christmas Carols.

We need some early holiday spirit! Please volunteer to help with Santa's Hayride Sunday December 11, 6:00-8:00 pm! This is a very popular event, and we really need to fill a couple of volunteer vacancies for the event to run smoothly.

2 people to dress as Santa and ride on the hayrides

1 elf 10-14 years old to hand out snacks

3 people to help break down and clean up

1 person to direct traffic 5:55-7 pm

1 person to direct traffic 7:00- 8 pm

Please contact Tory Holding or Krista Wagar, vholding@hotmail.com or Kristie.wagar@bankofamerica.com.

Club News

Friday on the Drive

This is a social outlet for moms, dads and kids. One Friday of each month someone generously opens up their driveway as a place for neighbors and friends to congregate and celebrate the end of another week! The host kindly provides drinks and snacks and everyone else provides the fun! Memory Ayers, memoryayers@carolina.rr.com.

Book Club

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at a member's home. If you would like more information or to join contact Courtney O'Neil coneil@carolina.rr.com



Mom's Working Outside the Home

Are you trying to balance a career and family? Do you want to meet some wonderful women in the neighborhood? If so please consider joining the Mom's Working Outside the Home Club. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

If you would like more information please contact Kelly Hughes, kellyhughes@gmail.com.

Back Porch Club

Meet once a month to do entertaining related activities. In previous years we have painted wine glasses, made fall centerpieces and planted herbs. It is all related to "porching" just getting together with friends to have a good time. *If you would like more information then please contact Lynne Solland, chucksolland@att.net.*

Tapas and Desserts

A club for foodies! The Tapas and Desserts Club meets once in the fall, then once a month January, February and March at a home in Park Crossing to



share our love of good friends and new culinary tastes. Each couple contributes tapas (bite sized dinner portion) or a dessert of their choice for the evening. In addition the club will collect \$20 per evening per couple to cover the wine, beverages and costs to the host house. Our events are on Saturday night toward the end of each month. If you would like more information then please contact Karen Price priceka@bellsouth.net.

Support Suppers



Returning home from the hospital as a new parent is exciting yet sometimes overwhelming for many families in Park Crossing. We want to help make it easier by

providing food for the family, but we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to add to the rotation of providing food for families when they return home. If you are willing to cook (or even bring take-out) please contact Amy Moran (AmyMoran1@yahoo.com) and we'll add you to the list. If you know of someone who just had a baby please contact Kristin Bordeaux (Kristin.Bordeaux@gmail.com) and we'll arrange meals for the family.

Thank you -
Kristin Bordeaux and Amy Moran
co-chairs Support Suppers.

Evening Bunco

Come enjoy socializing with other Park Crossing women and play this easy dice game. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you. You can join as a member or as a sub.



As a member you are responsible for getting a sub if you miss a night. Fourth Monday of each month. 7:30 p.m. year round. If you would like more information please contact Susan McGinn, mmcginni@carolina.rr.com.

Playgroups

Monday p.m. 2-4 y.o. - Charlotte Woody
charlottefromcharlotte@hotmail.com

Thursday a.m. 0-2 y.o. - Karen Cleary
clearync@gmail.com

Wednesday a.m. - Theresa Moritz
theresamoritz@gmail.com



Left, Right, Center Club

Take a chance and roll the dice with this fun game. This club meets once a month. Come enjoy friendships, cocktails and maybe win some money! Karen Cleary
clearync@gmail.com



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ANNUAL Homeowners Meeting, Nov, 20, 2011, 7 pm at clubhouse.



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Christmas Caroling and Hayride - Sunday December 11, 6-8 p.m.

Holiday Decorating Contest



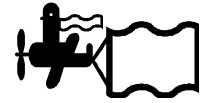
This year unleash your inner Griswold because the HOA and Women's Club have partnered for our first annual Christmas light contest. Each section will have 3 houses as a finalists, then the neighborhood will vote between the finalists for the winner! Each homeowner who elects to participate must register their home for contention at the clubhouse prior to Friday, November 25. Each homeowner of Park Crossing who has that holiday decorating gene (and you know who you are), is encouraged to participate in the contest. This event, celebrating the Holiday Season will be held between the dates of Friday, November 25 and Friday, December 9, 2011. No live animals can be used in your holiday display. No external amplified music may be played in conjunction with the lighting display. All residential displays should be turned off by no later than 11:00 PM. Mele Kalikimaka everyone!



If you have any other ideas for an event, playgroup or club that you would like to start then please let us know!!!

While we have enjoyed being your co-presidents, we will be stepping down in May 2012. Please contact us if you would like to take over for the 2012-2013 year. We have met and worked with so many wonderful people that truly make Park Crossing special. Taylor Dries and Carolyn Terpening.

Park Crossing Advertising Section

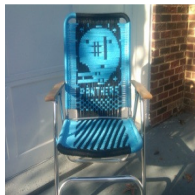


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DORE ACADEMY K-12 school

that teaches children in ways they can learn!

Thursday - November 3rd 6:00pm

Park Crossing Clubhouse - 10201 Park Crossing Drive

Head of School - Roberta Smith will explain why Dore Academy's teaching, caring and growing of students has been so successful **and** present the exciting opening of our new building!

Admissions Director - Portia Ely will explain the admissions process

Neighborhood parents will be there to answer your questions

Additionally learn about the recent tax credits available for special needs children



Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to: peley@doreacademy.org or (704) 365-5490

Questions: Diane Harrington (704) 542-6879

*Just in time for **Christmas!***

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The PCSRC offers a wide range of activities: There is an extensive tennis program, a swim team program, and a social committee, which offers social events throughout the year.

For More Information call: 704-542-2743

Or

Contact us at pcreclub@bellsouth.net

